

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q76757
Kenji ITO Allowed: June 18, 2008
Appln. No.: 10/630,903 Group Art Unit: 2622
Confirmation No.: 9611 Examiner: Timothy J. HENN
Filed: July 31, 2003
For: A DIGITAL CAMERA RECORDING AN ARBITRARY FRAME OF A MOTION PICTURE

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 5 and 6 of the Notice of Allowability dated June 18, 2008. The Reasons for Allowance merely loosely paraphrase the claims, and therefore do not accurately restate the claimed invention. The claims should be considered allowable based on their respective recitations.

Further, Applicant does not admit to the characterization of the teachings of Hirai (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0031469), Miyazaki (U.S. Publication No. 2005/0231631), and Shimizu (U.S. Patent No. 7,064,780) set forth in the Statement on pages 5 and 6. Applicant notes that independent reasons, other than those cited by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of the claims.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in

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the “Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 1247OG111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated June 18, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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